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REMARKS

Claims 36, 39 and 41 are withdrawn by this paper. Claims 1-5 and 19 were previously canceled, and Claims 9, 15 and 22-34 are withdrawn as stated in the Office Action dated February 11, 2008. Claims 6-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20-21, 35, 37-38, 40 and 42 are unchanged. Claims 6-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20-21, 35, 37-38, 40, and 42 are under examination in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Restriction Requirement

The Office Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- A. The disease object directly invokes another disease object, as in new Claim 35.
- B. The disease object directly invokes the symptom object, as in new Claim 36.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- C. Each disease object is associated with one disease, as in new Claim 39.
- D. Each disease object is associated with a phase of one disease, as in new Claim 40.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- E. Each symptom object is associated with one symptom, as in new Claim 41.
- F. Each symptom object is associated with a sub-symptom of one symptom, as in new Claim 42.

Applicant elects Species A (Claim 35) drawn to “the disease object directly invokes another disease object”; Species D (Claim 40) drawn to “each disease object is associated with a phase of one disease”; and Species F (Claim 42) drawn to “each symptom object is associated with a sub-symptom of one symptom” without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to refile the cancelled claims in a divisional application. Claims 36, 39 and 41 are withdrawn.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are specifically requested. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the above-identified application are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner finds any impediment to allowing all claims that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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